

MINUTES OF STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE
December 10, 2003

Present: Duane Hulbert, Chair; Carrie Washburn, Kurt Walls, Mark Harpring, Betsy Gast, Kat Griffin, Barry Bauska.

Minutes of the 11/26 meeting were approved, with the recommendation that a slight amendment be made by Carrie Washburn before those minutes are made final (said amendment to include mention of discussion, at that meeting, of the idea of recognizing student/alumni accomplishments).

Discussion today focused on the committee's charge to examine ways of improving publicity procedures on campus. Currently there are a variety of formats for "getting the word out" about different events—but there is no one, clear, central place to go to find out "What's Up." It was noted that there are at least three e-mailings that currently notify the campus community of future events: an arts calendar, an athletics calendar, and a faculty talks and presentations calendar. For students, *The Tattler* provides general notifications of upcoming events. There is also the ASUPS Master Calendar Project, an entity that is functioning now, but has not yet been fully "vetted" and so is not readily accessible—a fact that several members of the committee confirmed.

A suggestion was made that, in the interim, Duane Hulbert might speak to Darrell Frost about the possibility of making *The Tattler* available in email format. A second suggestion was made that perhaps the university might explore the possibility of creating an internal publicity position—someone whose responsibilities would include coordinating all publicity, and making sure the "word gets out" to all who would like to know in a timely manner.

Discussion then turned back to the concept of recognizing student and alumni accomplishments. The general consensus seemed to be that yet another "Honors Day" was not what was needed as much as a more basic implementation of modes of validating and recognizing significant and notable student achievements. It was agreed that more discussion on this topic should occur in future meetings, when Kris Bartanen in particular could be present.

And that was pretty much what went on this morning. The committee adjourned until next semester when we will again be meeting on alternating Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. beginning February 4.

Barry Bauska